

Baxter Springs News

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BAXTER SPRINGS - KANSAS

Tan is cheap now.

The lucky aviator is the live one.

Niagara occasionally falls as a fool-killer.

Aviation shows a marked tendency towards precipitation.

An alert toad eats 285 flies an hour - if he can catch them.

On some summer days straw hats defy meteorological conditions.

Most of the women who put on bathing suits this summer get them wet.

The electric fan crop is more important just now than even a cereal crop.

Joy riding in the air bids fair to become a sky feature either this year or next.

Most of the early presidential booms will be badly frostbitten before another spring.

There are microbes on a dollar bill, but dollar bills do not fly about to alight on one.

The sweet girl graduate has deserted the fountain of learning for the soda fountain.

A cat can look at a king, and for that matter most any sort of a man can grow a pointed beard.

The countless man who has not also shed his good manners is all right while the hot weather lasts.

Aviation heroes are becoming too numerous to be counted on one's fingers. Every country has them.

A Wisconsin woman is said to have an ambition to be governor. How does she stand on hatpin legislation?

The government owns 30,000 reindeers in Alaska, and strange to relate no syndicate has tried to grab them.

Any new ball players who may be purchased should be insured for at least six months against wearing out.

When New York builds its 100-story building our mountain climbers will be saved the expense of a trip to Switzerland.

A woman 80 years old will enter the Wisconsin university, and thus changes from an aged lady into a college girl.

In spite of the newspaper humorist, a good many pincies are held without the slightest interference on the part of J. Pluvius.

A bolt of lightning stuck a self-playing piano in Louisville the other day. This was undoubtedly a bolt from heaven.

It is said that flies do not like blue paint. Perhaps you have noticed that they always seem to have a preference for white walls.

The Frankfurter Zeitung declares that the sword still rules the world and not the dollar. However, it takes dollars to make swords.

Fortunately it is cool enough again now so that the red-headed girl can wear a celluloid comb in her hair without constant apprehension.

We are told that it is now possible to enjoy continuous trolley ride from Terre Haute, Ind., to Showegan, Mo. It may be possible to enjoy leaving Terre Haute, but how can one enjoy going to Showegan?

A German has invented a liquid bullet which will incapacitate without killing. It should be used exclusively in the didn't-know-it-was-loaded gun.

One-cent letter postage is predicted. This looks like a mighty good thing, but pessimists no doubt fear that it will mean bills sent in twice as often.

A new York man who committed suicide left a note in which he apologized for missing the room. Evidently politeness had become a habit with him.

The number of wrecks reported on our western coast leads one to suspect that the Pacific ocean is not quite as pacific as the name would imply.

Some distinguished men want to be safeguarded, legally, against the odors of tobacco. Noiseless gum chewing would be another good thing to bring about.

Boston has found 55,000,000 bacteria in half a spoonful of ice cream. Boston's bacteria population is looking up.

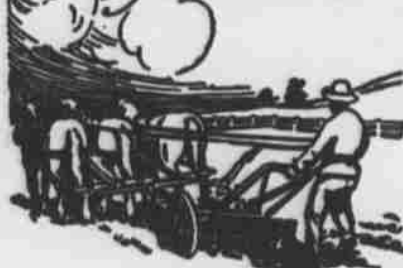
A toad is said to be able to eat nearly 300 flies an hour, but our idea of nothing to have about the house is a toad.

Newspapers are trying to abolish the mother-in-law joke, but almost any married man will tell you that a mother-in-law is no joke.

An Italian recently bought the title of count for \$4,000. This seems ridiculously cheap compared to the prices our rich Americans have been paying.

NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM

By William Pitt



Weeds can be kept under by frequent cultivation.

Clip off the tops of early celery plants in the seed bed.

The best chemical to use for killing Canada thistles is coarse salt.

The idle curry comb and the fat horse seldom live in the same barn.

Orchards in full bearing may be seeded to grass and pastured with sheep.

The dairy cow is worth more than the beef steer whatever way you look at her.

Whenever you discover a sheep limping along, catch him and examine his feet for rot.

The old spring houses that are found on many farms tell of the early experiences in dairying.

Cantaloupes, watermelons and citron can only be profitably grown in a deep mellow loam soil.

By sowing a pinch of lettuce seed every ten days there will always be tender salad on the table.

The winter dairyman is the coming man, but he cannot afford to milk in a cold, dirty stable or barn.

Breeding ewes should not be too fat; see that they are in a strong, healthy and vigorous condition.

Pick out the breed you like best and stick to it; study up everything you can about that particular breed.

One of the difficult problems for the poultryman to solve is how to easily provide pure, fresh water for his fowls.

Few dairymen realize the tremendous significance of the cream trade that has been developed during the past few years.

If you want to raise a good crop of mice and insects that will damage the orchard trees, let the weeds and grass lie thick on the ground.

The cows should be milked in the barn during the summer, but the barn should be kept just as clean as it is in the winter time.

Keep the cultivator busy. Don't let the weeds get ahead of you. Remember that they use the plant food that should go into your crops.

Be sure that you furnish proper quarters for the farrowing sow. You can't afford to lose a single one of the little "squealers" this season.

Never give drugs to a horse any more than you would to a baby unless he is downright sick. Shutting off his feed will cure all minor ills.

No cow can do her best or even keep up a normal flow of milk when compelled to stand out in the hot mid-day sun of August and fight the flies.

One of the most important things in running a dairy successfully is brains. Brains must be applied by every branch of work if the best profit is to follow.

The weak and wobbly fence is an invitation to the cattle to try the other side and it always works a hardship, especially so during the busy season of the year.

No farm should be without some sheep; they clean up the weeds, make fine fertilizers and wool, and produce lambs, all of which may be turned in to a good profit.

Diversified farming is adapted to the man who does intensified thinking. The intensive thinker is always a success as a farmer or any other occupation where talents lead him.

The pig that has been supplied with an abundance of pasture and a small grain ration during the summer should weigh from 150 to 175 pounds by the latter part of September.

Duck eggs are in demand by confectioners, as they import a glaze to their icing, which cannot be had with hen's eggs. For making plum pudding, duck eggs are more economical than those of fowls, being both larger in size and richer.

Too many chicks in one yard; coop or brooder is disastrous. Older chicks will trample on and crowd out younger ones, and the ones last hatched stand small show for feed, growth or even life. It is best to separate broods widely over the orchard.

In grading up the chickens cull all but the most vigorous.

Mutton breed lambs should receive grain as early as possible.

Women are better fitted by nature than men for poultry keeping.

Not enough attention has been given to the character of seed corn.

The best fertilizer for asparagus is rotted manure from grain-fed horses.

The farm is the ideal place for growing all kinds of poultry for meat and eggs.

Feed your fowls a sufficient amount of animal food, plenty of vegetables and bulky foods.

Young trees must be carefully cultivated, kept clear of weeds and the soil loose and mellow.

To dispose of a crop at satisfactory prices is often a more difficult problem than to produce it.

A horse that is too straight in his posture jars himself and gets all the concussion of the road.

The thermometer must be used as regularly in the dairy during the summer as during the winter.

If a soil lacks water some form of fertilizers are a positive detriment if they are present in abundance.

It is common sense that a mature sow will produce larger and more perfect pigs than a very young one.

Butter made in a sanitary dairy is always easier to keep than that which is made under poor conditions.

Don't let the buck run with the does when his breeding season is over, but confine him in a pen by himself.

Dairy-bred stock is scarce, and it will take many years to apply the rapidly increasing demand for dairy-bred cattle.

Beans can be turned into cash the quickest of any farm crop, as it is possible to sell them in ninety days from planting.

Hogs will not thrive on sour and decomposed food any more than men will. See that they get fresh, clean water to drink.

Cabbage is one of the easiest vegetables to start from seed and to transplant and to be made to grow in the garden or field.

An incubator will not run itself any more than an automobile will. A human brain must stand back of the best machine invented.

Women as a rule are more progressive and quicker to seize a new idea and put it into practice in the poultry yard than the sterner sex.

The fall fresh cow is the preferable cow and if you have not come to realize this, just try it this year and see if you will not be readily converted.

Sunshine is necessary in the milk house in the winter time, but just now all the shade that can be found will be acceptable. Trees and vines help.

The condition and the appearance of the creamery should be the very best for this will have an influence on getting favorable market for the butter.

Spring is the natural time for young animals to be born and they do better, all other things being equal, when they are ushered into this world at that time of year.

It pays to supply the fowls, especially growing ones, with charcoal, ground bone, either fresh or dry; oyster and clam shells, and a continual supply of best grit.

A good way to avoid the credit system is to grow the living at home. It is usually possible to grow the most expensive, yet the most necessary, articles of food on the farm.

At our present rate of deforestation fuel and fencing materials will be very scarce within a few years. Plant waste lands in forest trees to supply the timber required on the farm.

Arrange to save seed of the best varieties of potatoes, pumpkins, squashes and other garden products for next season's planting. Then you will be sure of plenty of good seed.

Many fall with sheep because they fail to keep the breeds that are best adapted to their farms and do not raise the kind that the market demands and is ready to pay the highest price for.

Most farmers raise chickens by the natural process, and that is all right so long as you do not care to raise more than, say, 100 chickens; but when you get up into large numbers incubators are necessary.

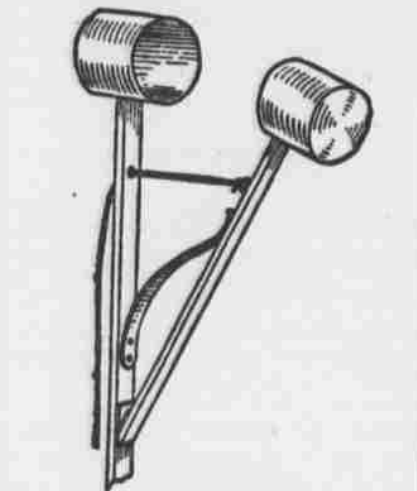
Don't allow hogs to be crowded in their sleeping quarters. Overcrowding results in coughs, lung fever and quite frequently, in the smaller, or weaker, ones becoming smothered from overlying. Hogs are mortgage lifters, but if allowed to "root hog or die" the lifting power is not great.

Horticulture

DOES NOT BRUISE THE FRUIT

Picker Invented That Will Save Apples Intended to Be Kept for Any Considerable Time.

Apples for packing or for keeping any length of time should be carefully picked from the trees so they will not be bruised. As the climbing of the trees made the picking a tedious job, I devised a picker, as shown in the



An Apple Picker.

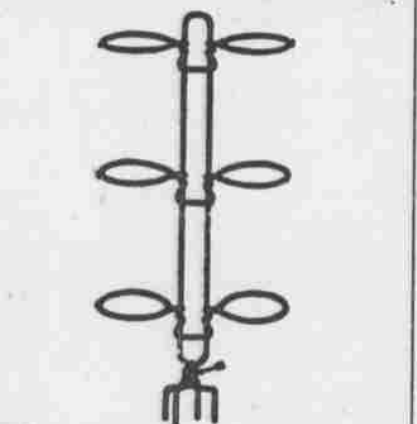
Illustration, says a writer in the Popular Mechanics. I took a pine stick twelve feet two inches wide and seven-eighths of an inch thick, and blinged a two-foot length of the same material to its side so that the ends were even, and placed an old-fashioned half-round tin cup on each strip so that their openings would register. A row of holes were punched around the edge so that a soft pad could be sewed in each cup.

A stout cord was attached to the short piece and run through a hole in the long piece allowing end enough to equal the length of the long strip. A piece of heavy clockspring was placed between the strips to keep them apart.

USEFUL FOR PLANT SUPPORT

Can Be Used to Much Advantage With Flowers and Vegetables—Is Made of Galvanized Wire.

The accompanying picture shows a support for plants which can be used to good advantage, both for vegetables and flowers. It is a patented article, but the cost is not great. It is made of galvanized wire, which will not rust



Useful Plant Support.

and can be raised and lowered to suit the plant. When not in use it can be rolled and packed away for the next season. It is very useful for training tomatoes, carnations, roses or any plant that needs support.

SAVING THE GIRDLED TREES

Grafting is Often Necessary Where Mice and Rabbits Have Been at Work—How It is Done.

It is often necessary to resort to grafting to save a tree that has been girdled by mice or rabbits. This is done by forming what is called a bridge graft. The wound should first be dressed by cutting away the ragged edges and painting the exposed surface with lead paint.

Slender scions are used and are cut thinly, wedge-shaped at both ends and from one and one-half to two inches longer than the wound is wide. Slip the knife blade between the bark and wood on one side of the wound. Start one end of the scion under the bark and push down firmly, then spring out the scion and start the other end under the bark on the other side in the same way.

The scion should now extend three-fourths to one inch under the bark on each side. The bark is tied tightly over the scions and the whole, scions and all, covered with wax. These scions are to serve as a bridge through which plant food may pass and if growth starts on them it should be rubbed off. They should be set as close together as possible around the stem.

Experiments With Strawberries. Experiments made at the Pennsylvania experiment station show that hill strawberries are not larger and better formed than those grown in matted rows, provided the matted row is a narrow one. Both hills and matted rows produced fruit somewhat inferior to that from narrow matted rows. It is evident that different soil conditions and cultural methods, especially in the matter of manuring, would change these results somewhat more favorably to the hill system.

JUST WHEN TO PICK PEARS

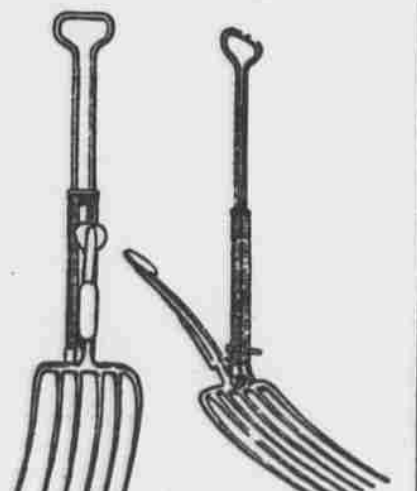
Should Always Be Done Before Fully Ripe, Without Bruising and With Stems On—Also Graded.

Pears should always be picked carefully before fully ripe, without bruising, with the stems on. They should be laid carefully in the picking-baskets, which should hold half a bushel or so, and then be hauled to the packing-house or other convenient place and at once sorted into grades, and either packed or shipped or placed in the ripening house for future shipment. It is usually better, in most cases, especially with summer fruit, to pick the trees over two or three times, although this is not absolutely necessary, and unless the trees are overloaded may not be worth while. When the fruit has not been properly thinned and the trees are overloaded many growers begin to pick the fruit long before it is full grown and send it to market. By this means the trees are not only relieved somewhat, but the fruit that is left swells to the largest possible bulk; moreover, satisfactory returns are often secured from the early pickings. This method is particularly successful with Clapp's Favorite and Bartlett. Both of these varieties will ripen up tolerably well when they are not much more than half grown. The same principle is successfully used in handling LeConte and Kieffer pears, but these should be nearer maturity to be good.

COMBINATION RAKE AND HOE

Implement Will Be Found Very Handy in Cutting Channels in Which to Set Small Plants.

The implement shown in the illustration is a garden weeder combining a rake with a triangular shaped hoe. The parts of the head of the rake can be separated for the insertion of new teeth when the old are bent or broken.



Rake and Hoe Weeder.

The teeth consisting of twenty-penny steel nails. The triangular hoe is used for cutting channels in which to sow seed or set small plants.

Best Way to Arrange Plants. Low ornamental plants arranged in a border mass along the base of the dwelling help to break the mechanical base line of the dwelling, hide an ugly foundation and give apparently greater solidity and repose to the lower part of the structure.

Just Study Principles. Everyone who attempts to decorate the home grounds should study the principles of plant arrangement with reference to harmony and general beauty, then plan and plant for himself.

Drop Apples for Pigs. The drop apple from an average orchard will maintain quite a bunch of shoats, and will put them in market condition at a minimum expense if the orchard is sown with rape.

HORTICULTURAL NOTES

The soil for strawberries should be a deep, rich loam, capable of holding much moisture.

Girdling or ringing consists in removing a ring of bark from the trunk or larger limbs.

Whenever a large limb is sawed from the tree the wound should be at once covered with wax or thick paint.

More depends upon the right choice of kinds of fruit to set than upon any other factor as to profit in the orchard.

Horticulturists have for many years practiced various methods to induce fruitfulness and with some degree of success.

A few vines climbing up the porch or over a side window give the dwelling an air of coolness, comfort and seclusion.

There is probably no fruit grown that will adapt itself to such a diversity of soils and conditions as the strawberry.

While the orchard is coming into bearing try vegetable growing as a side line. This makes one of the surest and best sources of income.

It isn't often that the fruit grower is concerned about his fruit trees not setting fruit, as the general tendency of most varieties is to overbear.

The longer apples remain on the tree, unless the weather becomes too cold to permit their exposure, the better the flavor and the keeping quality.

CURED BABY BOY OF SEVERE ECZEMA

An Illinois Mother's Case.

No one can tell the torture of soul Mrs. F. Cox, of Chicago, went through when her little boy was suffering from Eczema. She tried everything without success until she finally hit upon Resinol.

The following is what she says: "I cannot speak too highly of Resinol Ointment and Soap. They cured my baby boy of Eczema. He had a very severe case. Numerous other remedies had been tried and failed to do any good. I would not be without them in the house."

The first application will relieve the itching and irritation in skin diseases, and stop the pain in burns or scalds. Chafing, Sunburn, Poison Ivy eruptions are often cured by an overnight application.

Resinol preparations are sold at all drug stores.

Resinol Chemical Co., Baltimore, Md.

Surely.

"Is that bargain really cut glass?"

"Sure! It was marked down."

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.

A Commuter's Explanation.

The man in the iron mask explained. "They assured me there were no mosquitoes here," he cried.

LADIES CAN WEAR SHOES. No size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Powder, the Antiseptic powder to be shaken into the shoes. It makes tight or new shoes feel easy. Gives rest and comfort. Refuses substitutes. For FREE trial package, address Allen R. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

An Experiment.

Nurse—What is the matter? Johnny—The baby is a fake; I threw him on the floor, and he didn't bounce a bit.

RED CROSS BALL BLUE.

The blue that is all blue. Best for washing because it makes the clothes clear and white, lasts longer than liquid blue and produces better results.

Avoid liquid bluing because it is only a weak solution of blue in an expensive package. RED CROSS BALL BLUE is sold everywhere 5 and 10c sizes. ASK YOUR GROCER.

The Bridegroom's Portion. Miss Elsie Gentch, who teaches Sunday school, had been reading to her class from the gospel of Matthew, and was examining a promising boy, a newcomer, about the subject matter. "There were ten virgins," said the young man, "five wise ones and five foolish ones, and the five wise ones filled their lamps and the five foolish ones wasn't in no hurry. And at midnight came the bridegroom. So the five foolish ones went across the street to buy oil and got locked out." "Very good," said the teacher. "And what did the bridegroom do?" "Why," said the good little student, "he married the five wise ones."—Cleveland Leader.

Tuberculosis Patients Neglected. Out of more than 225 public hospitals for the insane, with a population of fully 150,000, only 70, or less than one-third, make any provision for their tuberculous inmates, and this, too, in spite of the fact that the percentage of deaths from this disease is very high among this class of people. Such is the substance of a statement made recently by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. Seventy hospitals in 25 states, providing all told about 3,350 beds for tuberculous insane patients, sums up the provision made for this class of sufferers, although the percentage of deaths from tuberculosis among the insane ranges from 50 to 200 per cent. higher than among the general population.

GET POWER.

The Supply Comes From Food.

If we get power from food why not strive to get all the power we can? That is only possible by use of skillfully selected food that exactly fits the requirements of the body.

Poor fuel makes a poor fire and a poor fire is not a good steam producer. "From not knowing how to select the right food to fit my needs, I suffered grievously for a long time from stomach troubles," writes a lady from a little town in Missouri.

"It seemed as if I would never be able to find out the sort of food that was best for me hardly anything that I could eat would stay on my stomach. Every attempt gave me heartburn and filled my stomach with gas. I got thinner and thinner until I literally became a living skeleton, and in time was compelled to keep to my bed."

A few months ago I was persuaded to try Grape-Nuts food, and it had such good effect from the very beginning that I have kept up its use ever since. I was surprised at the ease with which I digested it. It proved to be just what I needed.

"All my unpleasant symptoms, the heartburn, the inflated feeling which gave me so much pain disappeared. My weight gradually increased from 98 to 116 pounds, my figure rounded out, my strength came back, and I am now able to do my housework and enjoy it. Grape-Nuts food did it." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

A ten days' trial will show anyone some facts about food.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in plain. "There's a reason."

Show your doctor this booklet. A new one appears from time to time. They are good, clean, and full of human interest.